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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference 005-1</p>		<p>Date of mailing (day/month/year)</p>	
<p>International application No. PCT/JP2005/000181</p>		<p>FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below</p>	
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<p>International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC</p>			
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<p>1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the opinion <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application <p>2. FURTHER ACTION</p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> <p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
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 table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

- Document 1: JP 04-1353 A (Shikoku Chemical Corporation)
 06 January 1992, full text
 & US 5729358 A & EP 416886 A2
- Document 2: JP 2000-169757 A (Thanks Co., Ltd.)
 20 June 2000, full text, esp. Par. Nos. 0011-0012
 (Family: none)
- Document 3: JP 2001-12049 A (Ikeuchi Construction Co., Ltd.)
 16 January 2001, Par. No. 0012
 (Family: none)
- Document 4: JP 2003-261831 A (SK Kaken Co., Ltd.)
 19 September 2003, Par. No. 0038
 (Family: none)

Explanation

<Inventive Step>

Claims 1-4

Document 1 describes a wall coating material containing wood flour, starch flour, and other water-base starch adhesives, mildew-proofing agents, antiseptics, pigments, and granular flame retardant materials. A person skilled in the art can optimize the proportions of the above-mentioned effective ingredients described in the document depending on the target wall coating material.

Document 2 describes a wall coating material containing wood flour, granular flame retardant materials, pigments, natural gums, and other water-soluble adhesives. A person skilled in the art can easily adapt the materials described in documents 1 or 3 as water-soluble adhesives for wall coating materials, and, moreover, as shown in documents 1 and 4, the addition of mildew-proofing agents and antiseptics to wall coating materials is a common practice among persons skilled in the art in the field of wall-covering materials.

Therefore, the inventions of the above-mentioned claims of the present Application would be obvious to a person skilled in the art from the inventions described in document 1 and/or documents 2-4 and do not appear to involve an inventive step.

<Industrial Applicability>

The inventions described in claims 1-4 possess industrial applicability.

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited			
1. Certain published documents (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.10)			
Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
JP 2004-339496 A	02.12.2004	19.04.2004	21.04.2003
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2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 43bis.1 and 70.9)			
Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	